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Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

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Overview

Ashland is built on chemicals and [cars](#), just not the roads those cars drive on. The Chemicals unit consists of two subsidiaries: [Ashland Distribution](#), which buys chemicals and plastics and then blends and repackages them for distribution in Europe and North America, and [Ashland Specialty Chemical](#), which makes specialty resins and polymers, adhesives, and chemicals for water treatment. The [company's](#) [Valvoline](#) unit operates an oil-change chain (more than 600 outlets) and markets Valvoline motor oil and Zerex antifreeze. Ashland sold construction unit Ashland Paving And Construction ([APAC](#)) in 2006 to [Oldcastle Materials](#) for \$1.3 billion. APAC supplies highway materials, builds bridges, and paves streets.

[Sample Overview & History](#)

Key Numbers

Key financials for Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

Company Type	Public (NYSE: ASH)
Fiscal Year-End	September
2005 Sales (mil.)	\$9,860.0
1-Year Sales Growth	12.3%
2005 Net Income (mil.)	\$2,004.0
1-Year Net Income Growth	430.2%
2005 Employees	20,900
1-Year Employee Growth	(1.4%)

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Key People

Key people and executives for Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

Chairman and CEO	James J. (Jim) O'Brien Jr. (Subscribers see complete biographies -- view sample)
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SVP and CFO	J. Marvin Quin
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SVP; President and COO, Chemical Sector; President, Ashland Specialty Chemical	Gary A. Cappeline
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Top Competitors

Top competitors of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

[Arkema](#)[Brenntag North America](#)[Hexion](#)

[There are 15 competitors for Ashland; see more.](#)

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profitability, operations, growth, and valuation versus that of its top three competitors.

Industry Information

Primary and secondary industries for Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

[Chemicals](#)

[Chemical Distribution](#) (primary)

[Basic and Intermediate Chemical & Petrochemical Manufacturing](#)

[Plastic & Fiber Manufacturing](#)

[Specialty Chemical Manufacturing](#)

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Subsidiaries/Affiliates Covered By Hoover's

Subsidiaries/affiliates of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: [ASH](#))

[Ashland Distribution](#)

[Ashland Specialty Chemical Company](#)

[The Valvoline Company](#)

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S&P 500

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